

Assembly Bill No. 241

CHAPTER 316

An act to amend Sections 19962 and 19963 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 241, Hall. Gambling: moratorium.

Existing law regulates legal gambling in California and prohibits, until January 1, 2015, the governing body and the electors of a county, city, or city and county from authorizing or expanding any legal gaming beyond that permitted on January 1, 1996. Additionally, the commission is prohibited, until January 1, 2015, from issuing a gambling license for a gambling establishment that was not licensed to operate on December 31, 1999, except as specified.

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2020.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19962 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19962. (a) On and after the effective date of this chapter, neither the governing body nor the electors of a county, city, or city and county that has not authorized legal gaming within its boundaries prior to January 1, 1996, shall authorize legal gaming.

(b) An ordinance in effect on January 1, 1996, that authorizes legal gaming within a city, county, or city and county may not be amended to expand gaming in that jurisdiction beyond that permitted on January 1, 1996.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. Section 19963 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19963. (a) In addition to any other limitations on the expansion of gambling imposed by Section 19962 or any provision of this chapter, the commission may not issue a gambling license for a gambling establishment that was not licensed to operate on December 31, 1999, unless an application

to operate that establishment was on file with the department prior to September 1, 2000.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.